

MINUTES

City of Carrollton Mayor and Council Meeting

November 1, 2010

6:00 p.m.

**Public Safety Complex, Court/Council Chambers, 115 West Center Street,
Carrollton, Georgia**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 1, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Public Safety Annex Building, 115 West Center Street, Carrollton, Georgia. Mayor Pro-Tem Mandy Maierhofer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present: Councilmember Peter Balega, Councilmember Gerald Byrd, Mayor Pro-Tem Mandy Maierhofer and Councilmember Mike Patterson. Members absent: Mayor Garner.

Mayor Pro-Tem Maierhofer introduced Scout Malloy, a Student Council Representative, who was in attendance at the meeting.

Councilmember Byrd welcomed the Boys and Girls Club members.

(At this time, Mayor Pro-Tem Maierhofer advised those in attendance that Agenda Item 1 (Rezoning Request) had been withdrawn).

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro-Tem Maierhofer.

III. INVOCATION

Councilmember Byrd offered the invocation.

IV. MINUTES (September 13, 2010)

Motion by Councilmember Byrd, seconded by Councilmember Patterson to approve the Minutes of the September 13, 2010 meeting of the Mayor and Council. Motion passed (4-0). (Mayor Garner absent).

V. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

1. **Rezoning Request: Rezone from R-M (Residential Multi-Family) and R-15 (Single Family Residential) to C-3 (Neighborhood Commercial)**

Property Location: 401, 405, and 409 Longview Street

Petitioner: Debbie Neal

(Supporting documents attached separately)

(Note: Item was withdrawn from the Agenda).

2. **Resolution 07-2010: Georgia Environmental Finance Authority - Loan Modification**

City Manager Coleman advised that on October 26, 1993, the City of Carrollton obtained a loan from the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) in the amount of \$2,000,000 and that the loan is due for payoff in May 2016. In addition, CM Coleman advised that GEFA has informed staff that they are selling our loan to another entity and in order to meet the buyer's approval, Resolution 07-2010 – Georgia Environmental Finance Authority Loan Modification must be approved by the Mayor and Council and would authorize the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to attest all documents pertaining to the resolution. **Motion by Councilmember Balega, seconded by Councilmember**

Patterson to approve Resolution 07-2010 (Georgia Environmental Finance Authority Loan Modification) and authorize the City Manager to execute and the City Clerk to attest all documents pertaining to the resolution. Motion passed (4-0). (Mayor Garner absent).

3 Resolution 08-2010: Department of Natural Resources Grant - Recreation Trails Program

CM Coleman presented to the Mayor and Council for their consideration Resolution 08-2010: Department of Natural Resources Grant (Recreation Trails Program). CM Coleman advised that the resolution authorizes application to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Trails Program. CM Coleman noted that the purpose of the grant funds would be to promote recreation, physical activity, and alternative means of transportation by citizens of Carrollton, as well as continuing work on the City's Greenbelt Project. Councilmember Patterson inquired as to whether the grant funds could be used on the Hobbs' Property and CM Coleman advised that it could. **Motion by Councilmember Patterson, seconded by Councilmember Balega to approve Resolution 08-2010 and authorize application to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for a grant administered through the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Recreation Trails Program. Motion passed (4-0). (Mayor Garner absent).**

4. Consideration of Employee Christmas Gifts

CM Coleman presented a request to the Mayor and Council to consider providing a \$1,000.00 Christmas gift to each permanent fulltime employee and employees with less than 6 months service would receive one-half (\$500.00) of the Christmas gift. This equates to approximately \$285,000 and would be paid in late November, 2010.

CM Coleman advised the Mayor and Council that this FY Budget, again, did not include any pay raise for employees, nor did it include the customary Christmas gift of approximately 1% of the employee's annual salary. CM Coleman stated that he is extremely proud of the employees, their dedication to the City of Carrollton, and the jobs they do, and that presenting them with this gift will send a clear message to that effect.

In addition, CM Coleman noted that employees have worked diligently to stay within/under this budget and continue to do an extremely good job. CM Coleman also advised the Budget for FY 2010 is "on track" and most categories continue to remain relatively stable. We have also received good news from our insurance providers in that we will experience a 2 % increase in the cost of insurance, instead of the 10% increase that was calculated into this year's budget. This amounts to approximately \$225,000 in savings.

Councilmember Byrd stated that he felt that the Christmas gifts should go to the lowest paid employees only.

Councilmember Patterson advised that the City's employees are the reason that the City has been able to remain fiscally stable. In addition, Councilmember Patterson noted that he has had the opportunity to see the employees who work for the City and that they have worked very hard to hold costs down and be able to maintain services without increasing taxes and he feels that employees are deserving of this gift. Councilmember Patterson advised that the Christmas gifts would at least let the employees know that they are appreciated. Councilmember Balega agreed. There being no further discussion, **Motion by Councilmember Patterson, seconded by Councilmember Balega to approve Employee Christmas Gifts as presented. Motion passed (3-1) with Councilmember Byrd opposed. (Mayor Garner absent).**

5. Appointments:

Carrollton Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission

Motion by Councilmember Patterson, seconded by Councilmember Balega to reappoint Harvey Copeland, Thomas E. Reeve, III M.D., Ben Garrett, and Gordon Chandler to new terms on the Carrollton Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission (terms expiring 10-01-13). Motion passed (4-0). (Mayor Garner absent).

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were none.

VII. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Byrd thanked staff members who participated in the recent Literacy Program.

VIII. CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Coleman expressed appreciation to the Mayor and Council for approval of the Employee Christmas Gifts and advised that employees work hard and will continue to do so.

Councilmember Byrd noted that he supports City employees.

IX. ADJOURN

There being no further business to address, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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